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Upon reviewing the file, applicants noted that they have not received an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 that accompanied an information disclosure statement filed January 18, 2006.

Applicants' records show that this information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return this form as soon as possible. Note, applicants must pay the issue fee by December 29, 2009, so the examiner's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

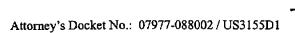
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed. Copies of any listed U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications can be provided upon request.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated October 18, 2005, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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